



OUR LADY OF
Lourdes
 CATHOLIC PARISH



**1ST SUNDAY
 OF LENT**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

PASTOR
Rev. Paul E. Sumler

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

PERMANENT DEACON
Rev. Mr. Stephen Sellers

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH INFORMATION

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BAPTISMS Our Lady of Lourdes Parish welcomes all registered parishioners who are wishing to have their child baptized. In order to come to Baptismal instruction class, please contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers deaconss@sbcglobal.net

HOLY MATRIMONY Diocesan policy requires that an appointment be made with a priest of your parish at least SIX MONTHS in advance. DO NOT set a final date for the wedding prior to your interviews with the priest.

CONFESSIONS by appointment (call parish office)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Parishioners entering or leaving the Parish contact the Parish Business Office during office hours.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers—deaconss@sbcglobal.net



Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm People of our Parish (Special Intention)
†Cary Hester
†Byron Ready

Sunday, February 21

10:00 am †Uina Shafer
†James & Shirlene Humphries

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm People of our Parish (Special Intention)
†Elias Hernandez
†Charles V. Olivier

Sunday, February 28

10:00 am †Betty Broussard
†Michael Terry Watkins

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass suspended here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish until Father Paul recovers from surgery. We are grateful for your understanding. You are encouraged to attend daily Mass at another local community parish or live-stream. We are grateful for the service of Father Paul and continue to pray for his health and recovery.

REVISION MASS INTENTIONS STIPEND

Effective January 1, 2021, any NEW mass offerings/stipends will be a minimum of \$10.00 per mass; for a great many years the customary Mass stipend has been \$5.00. However, now the customary amount in the United States is \$10.00. This brings the ordinary stipend amount into conformity with many dioceses around us.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

- SUN 2/21** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
- MON 2/22** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
- TUE 2/23** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
- WED 2/24** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
- THR 2/25** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- FRI 2/26** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
- SAT 2/27** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- SUN 2/28** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



STEWARDSHIP

Your regular financial contributions is very much appreciated. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! When not attending Mass, you can drop your collection in the mail to **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1600 North Main Street, Vidor, Texas 77662** Please note: **In order to protect the church and to insure integrity and positive stewardship, procedures are in place handling the sacrificial offering. The collection is placed in bank depository; therefore, there is no money on church premise.** Thank you and may God bless you and keep you safe. *Our giving reflects a true measure of thankfulness and gratitude to God.*

February 7, 2021.....\$5,287.00
Building/Maintenance..... \$229.00

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS THIS WEEKEND

The collection to support the Black and Indian Mission Office is taken up every year on the First Sunday of Lent, and it allows the Office to continue as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants which support and strengthen evangelization efforts in dioceses throughout the United States.

VIDOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5789 will have Fish and/or Shrimp (combination) Dinners beginning every Friday through March 26th, 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., **DRIVE THRU ONLY** next to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall.

LENTEN FISH/SHRIMP DINNER MENU \$8.00 a plate

- Fish and/or Shrimp
- French Fries
- Cole Slaw
- Hush Puppies



No drinks will be available



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent in the Church at 6:00 p.m.



2021 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL



If you have not made your gift to the Bishop's Faith Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. We ask you to pray to the Holy Spirit as you consider your blessings. Think about this: if you have not suffered from hunger, you are better off than many U.S. citizens who live in deep poverty. Some of them are your neighbors here in Southeast Texas. We ask that you make a pledge to the appeal, as an expression of your gratitude for your many blessings. **You may find BFA envelopes at the entrance of the church. Thank you.**

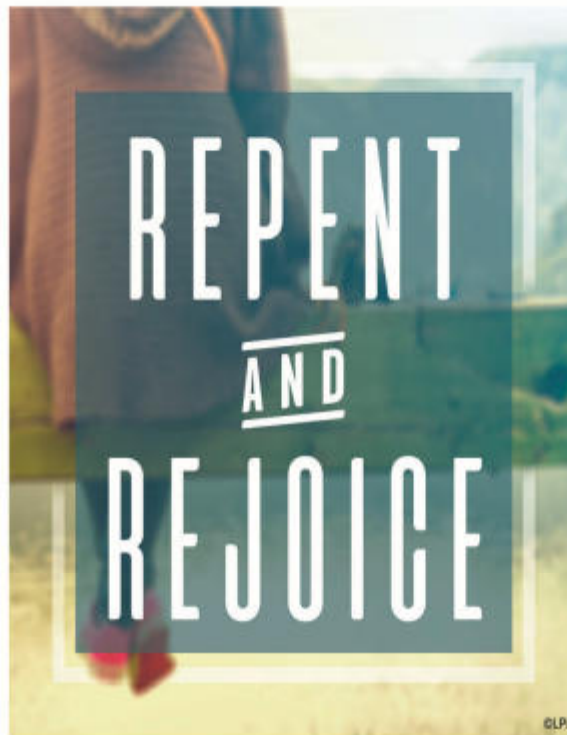
FREE TAX HELP

Free Tax Assistance to qualifying families and individuals through the community tax center program. There are available flyers for you at the entrance of the church. For additional information please call: 211.

DOES IT MATTER WHAT LEG YOU KNEEL ON WHEN GENUFLECTING?

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives



2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council 5789
2021 Scholarship applications available on the tables at the entrance of the church. Scholarship recipient is based upon commitment and participation in the parish and to our community, as well as an individual whom the selection committee of the Knights of Columbus Council 5789 feels demonstrates a true passion and commitment to family, church, community, country and education. This recipient will also be someone who the selection committee believes will truly benefit from as well as continue to invest in their educational and spiritual growth. **Please note: Application and all other required material must be post marked by April 1, 2021 and received by mail by April 15, 2021.**

of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical

limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which

the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

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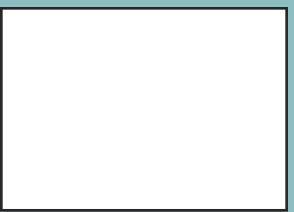
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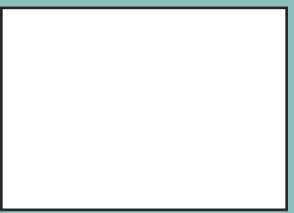
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